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§4–606.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person who practices or attempts to practice dentistry without a license in violation of § 4–601(a) of this subtitle or represents to the public in violation of § 4–602 of this subtitle that the person is authorized to practice dentistry is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to:

(i) For a first offense, a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year; or

(ii) For a subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$20,000 per day or imprisonment not exceeding 5 years.

(2) This subsection does not apply to a person who practices or attempts to practice dentistry without a license if the person's license has been expired for a period of not more than 6 months.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person who practices or attempts to practice dental hygiene without a license in violation of § 4–601(a) of this subtitle, aids or abets unauthorized practice of dental hygiene in violation of § 4–601(b) of this subtitle, or represents to the public in violation of § 4–602 of this subtitle that the person is authorized to practice dental hygiene is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

(2) This subsection does not apply to a person who practices or attempts to practice dental hygiene without a license if the person's license has been expired for a period of not more than 6 months.

(c) A person who violates any provision of Subtitle 4 of this title, which relates to dental laboratory work, or who advertises a dental appliance in violation of § 4–503(c) of this title is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 per day or imprisonment not exceeding 2 years.

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